SECOND SESSION

OF THE

MYSORE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

APRIL 1917.

GENERAL SUBJECTS.

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FINANCIAL.

(Nos. 1 to 15.)

SUBJECT No. 1.

Borrowing for productive purposes.

Mr. H. Krishnasastri, Krishnarajpete taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Loans should not be obtained for unproductive works but only for productive works after consulting experts.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—The policy of incurring expenditure on productive works out of the surplus revenues and thus starving the present generation for the sake of future generations should not be adopted. Debts incurred for productive works should be made repayable in 50 years or so.

Mr. A. Ramanna.—In incurring loans a reasonable limit should be fixed and the circumstances of the people, the condition of the State, etc., should be considered.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 2.

Appointment of a Retrenchment Committee consisting of official and non-official members.

Messrs. B. Narasinga Rao, V. Rangaswamy Iyengar, Seringapatam taluk; H. Krishnasastri, Krishnarajpete taluk; and C. Vasudeva Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A finance committee consisting of officials and non-officials to consider measures of retrenchment, etc., may be appointed.

This view was supported by some speakers during the budget discussion. It was said that the non-official members of the committee should be selected out of the Representative Assembly members.

Reply of Government.—Not possible.

SUBJECT No. 3.

Improvement of the present village postal system.

Mr. H. Krishnasastri, Krishnarajpete taluk.

Summary of discussion.—With the growth of education and trade, correspondence has increased and there is considerable need for the extension of postal facilities. Arrangements may be made (a) for the entertainment of one postman for every 3,000 of population in the malnad taluks and one for every 5,000 in maidan taluks (b) for

increasing the number of Village Post Offices by ten per cent and (*c*) for delivering letters in villages within 48 hours after their leaving the head office of delivery.

Reply of Government.—The subject is engaging the attention of Government. A committee of Representative Assembly members consisting of Messrs. Venkatesiah, Hema Hanumanthiah, Krishnasastri, Hutchaveeregowda, B. Gundu Rao, Ramaswami Iyengar (Gorur), and Channakesaviah (Chitaldrug), has been appointed to submit a note of recommendation to Government within the 15th September 1917.

SUBJECT No. 4.

Income tax from foreign merchants.

Messrs. Igur Puttegowda, South Mysore Native Planters' Association; D. Nanjegowda, Manjarabad taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Income tax may be levied from foreign traders, such as, Marwadis, Labbes, etc., who make considerable profit in the State but do not contribute anything to the State coffers or to the Municipalities.

Some members said that the tax should not be restricted only to foreigners and that it should be levied on all merchants.

Per contra.—Messrs. Krishnasastri, Venkatakrishniah and many others:—The proposal is not likely to be of much benefit to the State.

The Committee of Representative Assembly members formed for the purpose of considering this question submitted a recommendation that the tax need not be levied at present. The subject was very vehemently discussed in the Assembly, some speaking for the levy of the tax and others against it.

Reply of Government.—Votes were ordered to be taken with the result that 54 voted for and 92 against the levy of the tax.

SUBJECT No. 5.

Increasing the rate of interest on charitable endowments for education.

Messrs. M. L. Vardhamanaiya Mysore taluk; G. K. Padmarajaiya, C. Venkataramiah, G. Tirunaraniengar, Channarayapatna taluk, and K. Ramanna, Hole-Narsipur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Interest on charitable endowments for educational purposes should be allowed at 5 per cent permanently, specially in view of the fact that the interest on Savings Bank deposits has been raised to 5 per cent.

Mr. Krishnasastri.—The interest on Savings Bank deposits has been raised to 5 per cent at present. Though it is liable to be changed, interest on endowments for educational purposes may be permanently fixed at 5 per cent.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 6.

Grant of loans to policy-holders under the Mysore State Life Insurance Rules.

Messrs. Anjaneyasetty, Pavagada taluk; Chikka Surappa, Sira taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Loans may be issued on the security of Life Insurance policies to the extent of one-third of the paid-up amount at a small rate of interest and the amount recovered in easy instalments before the policies mature.

Per contra.—Messrs. Amble Annaiya Pandit, N. Bhima Rao and others:—No such loans should be allowed as the object of the State Life Insurance is for the benefit of the family members.